

# Tribe talk

Third Quarter 1995

## Eddie Murray Takes His Place In History With 3,000 Hits

The countdown to Eddie Murray's 3,000th hit began at hit #2,967—33 hits away from the historic mark—33 is also the number Murray has worn throughout his storied 18-year career. Murray finally smacked hit #3,000 on June 30 at Minnesota off Twins RHP Mike Trombley. It was the second pitch of his at-bat, a low fastball.

"I had a feeling they thought I was looking change-up so I decided to look fastball."

The only problem was the fact that it was done in front of only 27,400 fans inside the Metrodome.

"I would have rather done it in Cleveland. I'd gotten hot there for a moment. You can get kind of caught up in the numbers being taken down out there. The city has really gotten behind the whole banner bit. That was neat."

The fans who have rallied behind Eddie throughout his quest to reach 3,000 got

## Six Indians Make The Trek To Arlington

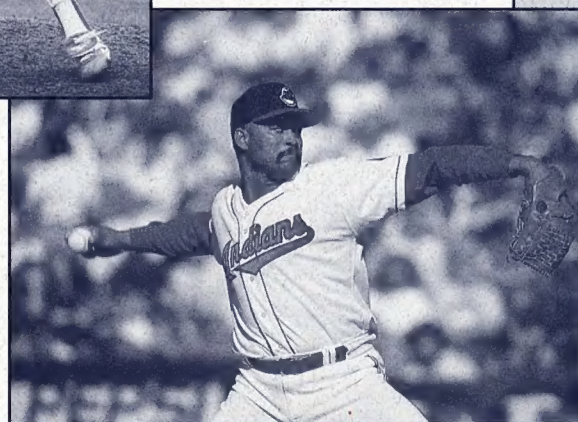
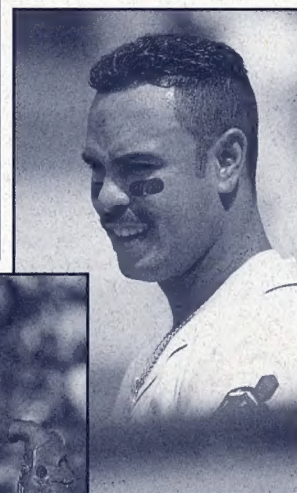
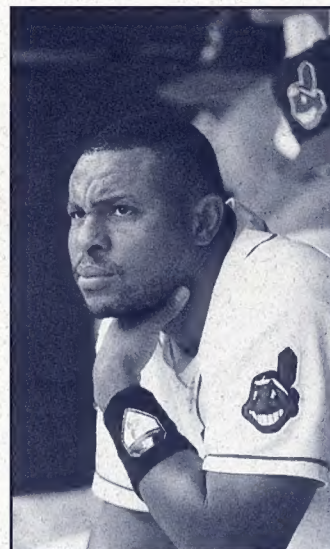
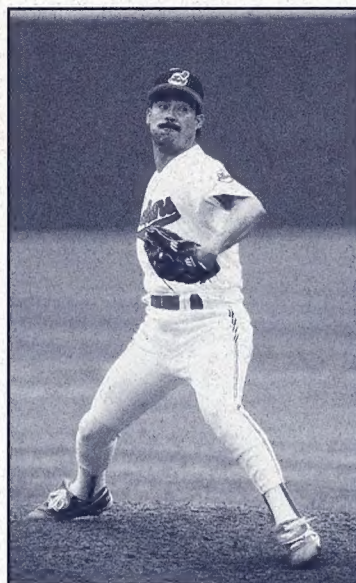
Looks like the Cleveland Indians were the talk of the All-Star Game as well as the rest of the season. Six, count 'em, SIX Indians players were nominated to attend the Mid-Summer Classic.

The last time the Indians landed six players on the All-Star roster Al Lopez was managing the team, Hank Greenberg was the GM. The year was 1955 and the Tribe was fresh off the record-setting '54 campaign when they won 111 games. The All-Stars were Bobby Avila, Larry Doby, Al Rosen, Herb Score, Al Smith, and Early Wynn.

Following in the footsteps of that '55 season, the Indians

have once again topped the charts at the 1995 All-Star Game, which was held July 11 in Texas at The Ballpark in Arlington. Carlos Baerga and Albert Belle each made their third All-Star appearance, and both made their first start. Carlos led all AL second basemen with 1,152,652 votes and Albert was second among AL outfielders with 1,056,134 votes. The election of Baerga and Belle marks the first time since the balloting was returned to fans in 1970, that Indians teammates have been elected to start an All-Star Game.

Kenny Lofton, in his second All-Star appearance, joined the duo in the starting lineup as a replacement for the injured Ken Griffey, Jr. The last time the Tribe had a trio



Clockwise:  
Dennis Martinez,  
Albert Belle,  
Carlos Baerga,  
Jose Mesa.

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their chance to pay tribute to him July 7th in a pre-game ceremony.

At the ceremony, Eddie was accompanied by his wife, Janice, daughter, Jordan Alexandra, brother, Venice, and father, Charles. Murray was introduced and walked to home plate waving his hands in the air, taking in all of the cheers from the sold-out Jacobs Field crowd.

Eddie first presented a jersey and replica bat to Don Marr, the president of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

Murray then received a commemorative crystal trophy, presented to him by Cleveland Indians Owner Richard Jacobs and Executive Vice President of Business Dennis Lehman.

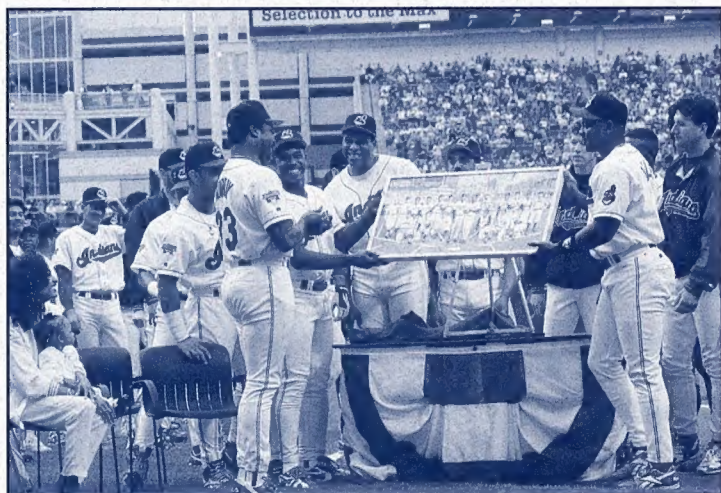
General Manager John Hart and Manager Mike Hargrove presented Eddie with a replica Eddie Murray model bronzed bat.

His final gift came from his teammates, who gave him a Jim Trusilo oil painting, featuring all 20 members of the 3,000-Hit Club.

He then stood at the podium in classic Eddie Murray fashion, and humbly thanked the fans for their enthusiastic support as if he had played his whole career in Cleveland.

After the presentation of gifts and Murray's speech, a video was shown on the JumboTron, showing highlights of Eddie's career while playing with the Baltimore Orioles, Los Angeles Dodgers, New York Mets and, of course, the Cleveland Indians. The video also contained congratulatory statements from other 3,000-hit men, like Rod Carew, Pete Rose, George Brett and teammate Dave Winfield.

"Congratulations, Eddie, and welcome to the club," Winfield said.



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## All-Stars (cont. from page 1)

of starters in the All-Star Game was in '48 —Lou Boudreau, Joe Gordon, and Ken Keltner got the nod. Manny Ramirez made his first All-Star appearance. Manny was also the youngest player of the 1995 team. He and Belle participated in the Home Run Derby.

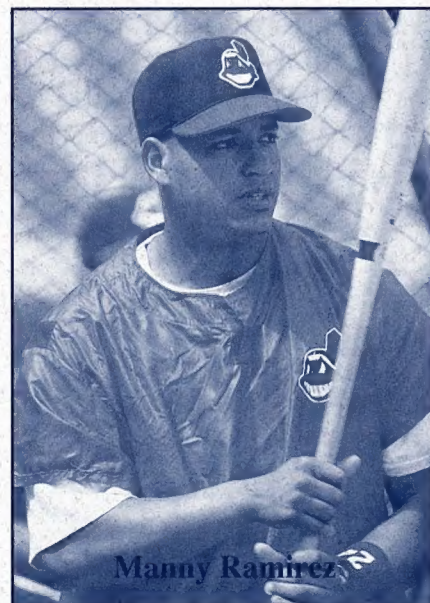
Two Indians hurlers completed the Tribe All-Star roster: Dennis Martinez and Jose Mesa. Martinez made his fourth appearance, and his first on the AL squad. At 40, Dennis was the oldest All-Star since Nolan Ryan in 1989 (Ryan was 43). Mesa made his first All-Star appearance at any level of professional baseball. Jose was the ML leader in saves with 21 after 64 games.

All six Tribesmen saw significant playing time that evening. Baerga went 3-for-3 with a run scored. He became the first player to collect three hits in an All-Star game since Dave Winfield in 1983.

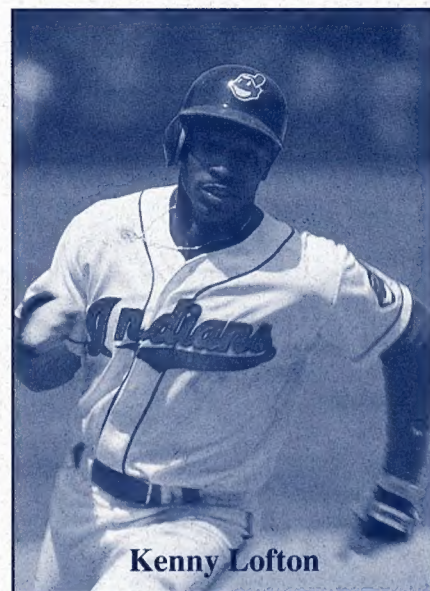
Lofton and Belle both went 0-for-3, although Lofton narrowly missed a homer in the first. Ramirez narrowly missed a homer in the seventh and settled for two walks in two plate appearances. Martinez was the third AL pitcher of the night. He retired the side on six pitches in the fifth and retired the first two batters in the sixth. Mesa pitched a 1-2-3 ninth which included a strikeout off Colorado's Dante Bichette.

The only Tribe team to have better representation in an All-Star Game was the 1952 Indians. There were seven players during that year: Bobby Avila, Larry Doby, Mike Garcia, Jim Hegan, Bob Lemon, Dale Mitchell, and Al Rosen.

The Cleveland Indians would like to thank all who participated in this season's Texaco All-Star Balloting. Over 800,000 ballots were distributed during 22 home dates, with approximately 530,000 filled out and returned by fans at Jacobs Field. Thanks for making this season's Texaco All-Star Balloting Program so successful!



Manny Ramirez



Kenny Lofton

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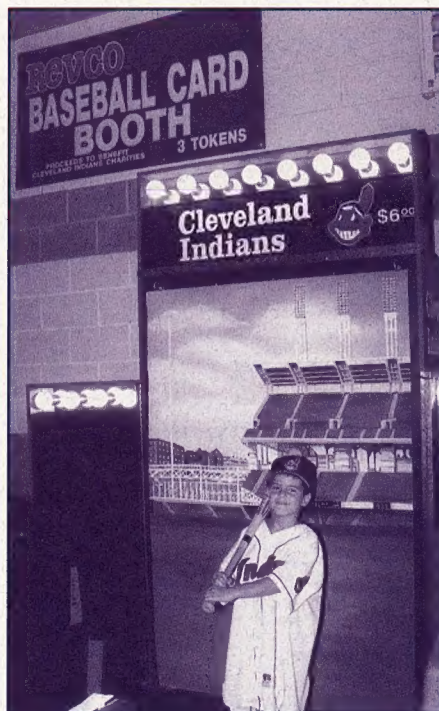


# Activities At Jacobs Field — Something For Everyone!

## A Concourse Of Action!

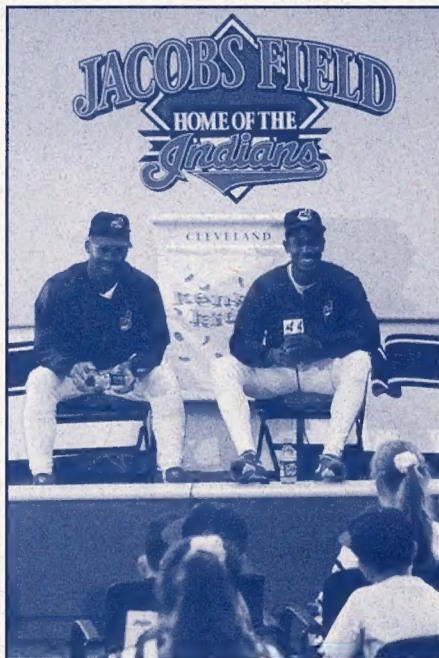
The Main Concourse at Jacobs Field contains many opportunities for fan participation and involvement. Among those opportunities are the concourse booths, which are located in Section 116 near KidsLand. At any Indians home game, fans of all ages have the opportunity to test their arm strength, have their own personal baseball card made, and have a picture taken with one of their favorite players! Interested? Here's more information about the various concourse booths:

- The Speedy Muffler Speed Pitch Booth is a chance for Tribe fans to test their arm strength and pitching accuracy. Each pitch is clocked and the speed is recorded on a leader board. Participants also receive a special certificate.
- All Major League ballplayers have a baseball card. Now fans can have their own mugs put on a "personalized" baseball card at the Revco Baseball Card Booth. Dress up in your favorite Indians uniform, have your picture taken and watch it "develop" into a baseball card, which also sports actual Major League statistics, comparable to that of an All-Star on the back, just like the real thing!
- A visit to the Ballpark isn't complete without a photo at the Player Cut-Out Booth, where you can pose with a cut-out of either Kenny Lofton, Carlos Baerga, Albert Belle, or Charles Nagy. The photos look so real, you'll have friends and relatives convinced you were in the Indians clubhouse!
- Another way to get into the action at Jacobs Field is to experience what it's like to call a game in the Indians FanCast Booth, which is located in the actual Press Box! Sponsored by SportsRADIO WKNR, the FanCast booth gives



fans the opportunity to broadcast a LIVE inning of Indians action. Participants receive an audio tape of their "inning" and a special certificate. Sign up at the Guest Service Center, Section 116 of the Main Concourse, or call (216) 420-4420.

For more information, contact the Indians Promotions Department at (216) 420-4420 or the Community Relations Department at (216) 420-4400.



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## Cheer On The Tribe As They Mow 'Em Down...

**Enter the MTD Yard Machines "Mow 'Em Down" contest to win an MTD self-propelled mulching mower!**

This program is conducted on the air as part of Indians Radio Network broadcasts. Each game, one person is chosen to be a "contestant." If an Indians pitcher strikes out all three batters faced during the fifth inning, the contestant will receive an MTD Mulching Mower. If the pitcher doesn't, participants still receive an Indians T-shirt, courtesy of MTD.

To enter, send a postcard to MTD "Mow 'Em Down" Contest, 5124 Mayfield Road, Cleveland, OH 44124, or call (216) 420-4420.

## See What It's Like To Be A Reporter...

**All Sport and Smucker's have teamed up with the Indians to bring fans a special program!**

Every Saturday home game at Jacobs Field, a group of children are selected randomly upon entering the Ballpark to participate in a special Press Conference where they have the opportunity to meet and interview Indians players.

The "Conference" takes place in the Press Function Room on the Service Level at Jacobs Field from 11:45am-12:15pm before day games and from 6:45pm-7:15pm prior to night games.

Portions of the program are replayed on the JumboTron and used on Indians pre-game radio the following Sunday. Participants also receive a special press pass and an autographed certificate of participation.

So plan to come early on your next Saturday trip to the Ballpark and you might get in on the fun!



## Saturdays Are Super With Hills And Slider!

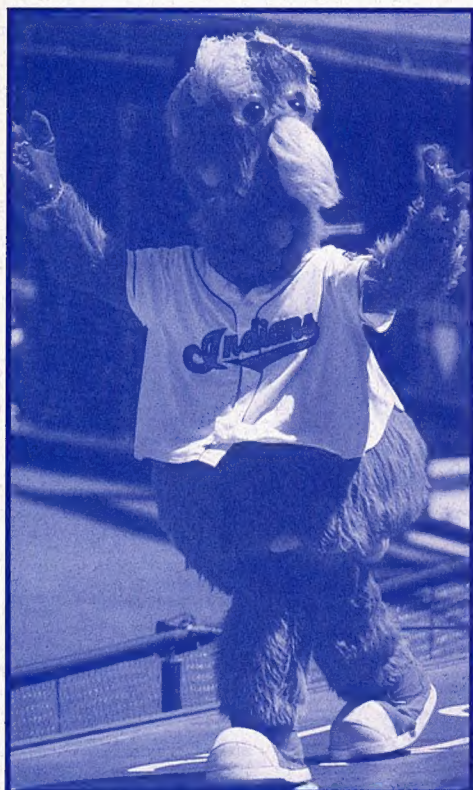
Fans ages 6-12 can win a chance to hang out with Indians Mascot Slider during an Indians home game. It's easy to enter, just visit the nearest area Hills Department Store and submit your entry, stating why you would want to hang out with Slider and the rest of the Indians staff. One lucky winner is chosen for each Saturday the team is in town.

Winners receive:

- Four tickets to the game.
- An autographed photo of Slider.
- A tour of Jacobs Field, including the Press Box.
- Time to visit with Slider on the field during pre-game activities.

Winners will also be recognized on the JumboTron. For more information regarding the Hills Super Saturdays with Slider contest, call the Indians Promotions Department at (216) 420-4420 or visit your local Hills Department Store.

If you are interested in having Slider attend your next family or corporate function, please contact Dan Kilday, Indians Advertising Assistant at (216) 420-4200 for more information.



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## Indians Minor League Update

### BUFFALO

On May 19, Buffalo was 17-22, nine games out of the American Association lead. Since that time, the Bisons have won 23 of 32 games and currently sit 5.0 games behind front-running Louisville.

Since opening day, the Bisons have used 44 players. Of those 44, six have remained throughout the entire season: LHP **JOE KLINK**, LHP **ERIC BELL**, RHP **JOHN FARRELL**, IF **BILLY RIPKEN**, IF/DH **LUIS LOPEZ** and IF **TOREY LOVULLO**.

OF **JEROMY BURNITZ**, who came to the Indians organization in an off-season deal, has been the mark of consistency for the Bisons this season. He set a Bisons record with an 18-game hitting streak, the most ever by a left-handed Buffalo batter. Burnitz is currently tied for the team lead in home runs with 10 and leads the Bisons with seven stolen bases.

RHP **JOE ROA**, who came to the Cleveland organization along with Burnitz in exchange for RHP Jerry DiPoto, RHP Dave Mlicki and INF Jesus Azuaje, lead the Bisons in wins with eight in 13 starts. At one point, Roa won six consecutive starts, from 5/10-6/5.

### CANTON-AKRON

The Little Indians are currently six games under .500 but only 4.5 games off the pace in the Eastern League. Canton-Akron is led by OF **MARC MARINI**, who is fifth in the league in batting with a .329 batting average. Hot prospect SS **DAMIAN JACKSON** leads the league in stolen bases with 27. RHP Rod Steph is fourth in ERA with 2.45 in 15 starts.

### KINSTON

The Kinston Indians won the first half of the Carolina League's Southern Division.

Kinston is led by 1B **Richie Sexson**, who is third in the league in HR (13), first in RBI (51), first in hits (98), first in

2B (24), first in slugging percentage (.533), and first in extra-base hits (37).

On the hill at Kinston, RHP **BARTOLO COLON** is tearing up the Carolina League, leading with 10 wins and 109 strikeouts and is second in ERA with a 1.65 mark.

RHP **DAN GRAVES** leads the league in saves with 15 and is second with 31 appearances.

### COLUMBUS

The Columbus RedStixx of the South Atlantic League finished the first half of the season above the .500 mark at 36-32, but were 7.0 games behind.

Offensively, the RedStixx are led by 3B **RUSSELL BRANYAN**, who is tied for second in the league with 16 HR and stands alone in second place in slugging percentage (.576).

Pitching well for the Stixx are relievers **SCOT DONOVAN** and **WILMER MONTOYA** who are tied for the team lead with 10 saves each. Montoya has struck out 53 batters in 49.2 innings of work.

The starting rotation is led by RHP **JULIO PEREZ** and RHP **JARET WRIGHT**. Perez leads the team in victories with seven and holds an ERA of 3.96. Wright, the Tribe's top draft pick in 1994, has pitched well in his 14 starts. He has struck out 62 batters in 73.1 innings pitched and opponents are batting only .205 against him.

### BURLINGTON

Burlington, the Indians Rookie League team in the Appalachian League, started play during June. OF **MILTON ANDERSON** is off to a hot start, leading the league in Stolen Bases (11), second in Runs Scored (10), second in On-Base Percentage (.528) and third in Hits (13).

The Burlington Indians are managed by Harry Spilman.

### WATERTOWN

The Tribe's other Rookie League team, the Watertown Indians of the New York Penn League began play in mid-June. The Watertown Indians are managed by former Tribe catcher, Joel Skinner.





## Power Lunch!

The next Cleveland Indians Charities Luncheon will be Friday, August 18 at the Cleveland Marriott Society Center. The Indians will honor the contributions of Hispanic players in baseball on that date, which is also Roberto Clemente's birthday. The Hall of Fame outfielder for the Pittsburgh Pirates was killed in a plane crash off the coast of his native Puerto Rico on New Year's Eve in 1972. He was on a relief mission to help earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

Clemente played 18 years for the Pirates and led them to two World Series Championships in 1960 and 1971. He was a four-time NL batting champion and appeared in 12 All-Star Games. More importantly, he was the role model for many of today's Hispanic players, including Indians second baseman Carlos Baerga and catcher Sandy Alomar.

The season finale CIC Luncheon will be held on November 6 and will honor the 1995 Cleveland Indians.

Tickets are \$20 per person or \$200 for a table of ten. For more information, or to request an order form, call the Community Relations Department at (216) 420-4400. Deadline for ordering tickets is one week prior to the luncheon date.

## Be Your Group's Designated Driver!

What can you do to be a "team player" during and after the game? You could make a commitment to drive your friends home safely, with a little help from A1 General's Designated Driver Program.

Fans who sign up to be a "designated driver" will receive a coupon for a complimentary Pepsi, which can be redeemed at any concession stand. Participants must abstain from alcoholic beverages.

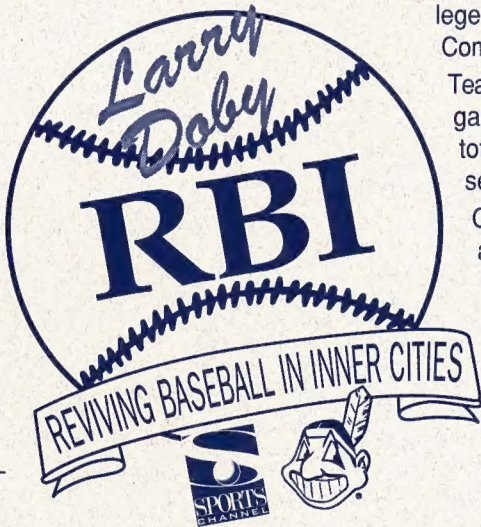
Each home date, a drawing is held for a free Indians cap, courtesy of A1 General. Sign up at the Guest Service Center, Section 116 of the Main Concourse or call the Indians Promotions Department at (216) 420-4420.

## Larry Doby RBI Still Strong!

The Larry Doby RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) Program, **presented by SportsChannel**, and supported by Continental Airlines began its third season on June 19 and will continue through August 4.

Youngsters ages 13-18 play in an eight-team boys baseball league and a four-team girls softball league which promote sportsmanship, physical fitness and positive lifestyles. The Indians, Major League Baseball and the United Black Fund provide financial, instructional and equipment resources.

This year, SportsChannel has given the program higher visibility by televising select games and promoting RBI activities in the pre-game shows during Indians telecasts. Indians All-Star outfielder Kenny Lofton talked to youngsters at the annual Media Day, June 15.



Baseball games are played at League Park (E. 66th St. and Lexington Ave.), which was once the home of the Cleveland Indians.

Softball games are played at Cuyahoga Community College Metro Campus, 2900 Community College Avenue.

Teams play at least two games a week with a total of 11 or 12 regular season games.

Cleveland will also host a regional RBI tournament the weekend of July 28-30 with the championship game to be played at Jacobs Field. The RBI World Series will be held in Philadelphia the week of August 7-12.

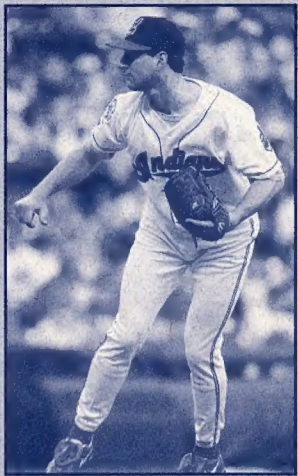
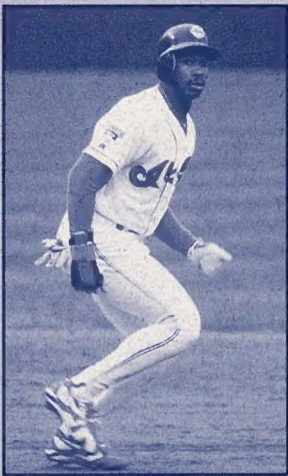
Major League Baseball scout John Young organized the first RBI Program in Los Angeles in 1989 as an attempt to give inner-city youths the opportunity to play, learn and discover the excitement of baseball. In 1995, RBI is expected to reach over 10,000 boys and girls in 40 cities.

## Helping Kids Get A Charge Out Of Reading!

The Cleveland Indians, Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and area public libraries have once again teamed up to open the book on the Summer Reading Program. Indians outfielder Kenny Lofton and pitcher Charles Nagy will be co-captains of this program for the third consecutive year.

Children earn awards by reading and reporting on books during the summer. Upon completion of the program, children will receive a four-color book cover courtesy of the Indians for use during the upcoming school year. Kids who read the most books at each library are treated to an Indians game.

In its eighth year, the summer reading program is still proud to put a charge into summer by developing positive habits that carry over throughout the year as well as the rest of children's lives.



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